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**DOCKET NO. 10263STUS01U (NORT10-00099)**  
**Customer No. 33000****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: : Conal P. Walsh

Serial No. : 09/448,508

Filed : November 24, 1999

For : APPLICATION OF SPEED READING TECHNIQUES IN  
TEXT-TO-SPEECH GENERATION

Group No. : 2654

Examiner : Angela A. Armstrong

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

No fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

In response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of July 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: